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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: BEXP, ETRD, JA

SUBJECT: TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE--UNION CARBIDE

REF: STATE 164707

1. SUMMARY: USDOC TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED TFC CASE ON JAPANESE CUSTOMS PROCEDURES FOR COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDERS ON BEHALF OF UNION CARBIDE WAS NOT CLEARED WITH UNION CARBIDE JAPAN. UNION CARBIDE JAPAN SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS TFC CASE NOT BE INITIATED AT THIS TIME. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY CONTACTED INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS DIVISION, UNION CARBIDE JAPAN K.K. (WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION) WHO CONFIRMED THAT CURRENT IMPORT PROCEDURE, WHILE BURDENSOME, DOES NOT RESTRICT IMPORTS EXCEPT IN ISOLATED INSTANCES. UNION CARBIDE JAPAN NOTED THAT THEY HAD NOT HAD PROBLEMS IN THE TOKYO AREA (KANAGAWA KEN AND TOKYO CITY) BUT HAD HEARD OF OTHER COMPANIES WHO HAD ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS CAUSED BY DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS OF IMPORT REQUIREMENTS BY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN OTHER CUSTOMS AREAS.

3. UNION CARBIDE JAPAN HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF THE PROPOSED TFC GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE PRIOR TO EMBASSY CONTACT, AND IS ALARMED THAT USDOC WOULD ATTEMPT TO INITIATE A  
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FORMAL PROTEST TO THE GOJ WITHOUT UNION CARBIDE JAPAN CLEARANCE. UNION CARBIDE JAPAN HAS REQUESTED THAT THE PROPOSED TFC CASE NOT BE INITIATED UNTIL CLARIFICATION IS RECEIVED FROM UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION.

4. UNION CARBIDE JAPAN NOTED THAT SOURCE OF COMPLAINT MIGHT BE UNION CARBIDE JAPAN RESPONSE TO UNION CARBIDE

CORPORATION QUESTIONS ABOUT COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDER  
IMPORT REQUIREMENTS IN JAPAN. SOURCE OF UNION CARBIDE  
CORPORATION REQUEST WAS:

MR. M. M. CIAMARRA, LINDE DIVISION, UNION CARBIDE  
CORPORATION, BOX 372, 51 CRAGWOOD ROAD, SOUTH PLAINFIELD,  
NEW JERSEY 07080.

5. EMBASSY SUGGESTS USDOC REVIEW CASE WITH UNION  
CARBIDE IN LIGHT OF CONCERN EXPRESSED BY COMPANY'S  
JAPAN SUBSIDIARY BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH FORMAL TFC  
PROCEDURE.  
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